

REMARKS

Claims 1 through 4 are currently pending in the application and subject to an Election of Species Restriction Requirement.

Two species of invention have been identified:

Species A: drawn to an associated cage enclosing at least two sides of each primary integrated circuit package, readable on claims 1 through 3.

Species B: drawn to an associated cage enclosing at least three sides of each primary integrated circuit package, readable on claim 4.

Applicants hereby elect, without traverse, to prosecute the Species A of invention as set forth in claims 1 through 3, illustrated in drawing Fig. 13.

Applicants consider no claim to be generic.

Applicants request an action on the merits of claims 1 through 3.

Please Note Information Disclosure Statement

Applicants wish to draw the Examiner's attention to the Information Disclosure Statement filed with the Office on **March 3, 2004**, and respectfully request that the documents or other information referenced therein be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of the PTO/SB/08A form or be returned to the undersigned attorney evidencing same.

Should any of the documents, or portions thereof, be unavailable to the Examiner for any reason, please contact the undersigned attorney, who will supply same immediately by facsimile or other suitable method of delivery.

Preliminary Amendment

Applicants' undersigned attorney notes the filing herein of a Preliminary Amendment on May 17, 2004, which filing was not acknowledged in the outstanding Office Action. Should the Preliminary Amendment have failed for some reason to have been entered in the Office file, Applicants' undersigned attorney will be happy to have a true copy thereof hand-delivered to the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully requested that each of claims 1 through 4 be considered on the merits.

Respectfully submitted,

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